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RESTRUCTURING OF ICAR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is holding consultations to restructure the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to make the organization stronger in the agricultural research;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government want the ICAR to develop scientist-entrepreneur scheme on the lines of a similar scheme in the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a) & (b): No, Sir. There is no proposal to restructure the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). However, with a view to giving an impetus to agricultural research and in order to take the process of reforms forward, various institutional mechanisms have been put in place to ensure that the ICAR and its Research Institutes perform their mandated task effectively.
- (c) & (d): Guidelines for the Scientists/Innovator Entrepreneurship Scheme have been developed and placed below on the ICAR website. This scheme has already been made operational with effect from 2.10.2006. The details of the Scheme are annexed (Annexure-A).